THE LOCAL NEWS FIELD.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The suit of Joshua N. Warfield against Randolph Layton and George Layton for $500 damages, which was commenced on Thursday before a jury, was decided Saturday afternoon, the jury rendering a verdict of $10 for the plaintiff. The suit was for trepass, which was virtually to settle the title, which has been in dispute for a number of years, of a tract of land in the Fourth district of Howard county.

The Grand Jury concluded its work on Saturday and handed in the following report:

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court of Howard County:

The Grand Jury having finished all the business brought before them and having complied with the instructions of the Court as given them on the first day of the session, respectfully report that they have been in session six days, have investigated 28 cases, examined 75 witnesses, found 19 presentments, 19 true bills and dismissed 9 cases.

A special committee appointed by the foreman examined the books of the County Commissioners, Treasurer, County Clerk, School Board and Register of Wills and found them carefully and correctly kept, and in our opinion the business through these officers is economically and conscientiously conducted in the interest of the tax-payers.

In the County Commissioners' office we found the following balances still due the county from the following named persons, late tax collectors: From Wm. F. Brown, levy of 1891, $191.49, Wm. D. Crapster, levy of 1893, $284 00; Thomas Batson, levy of 1895, $90 00; A. H. Earp, levy of 1893, $550 00; John T. Ridgely, levy of 1895, $150 00, which in our opinion should be collected, if possible at once.

The Grand Jury in a body visited the jail and found it in first class condition. Everything was clean, in good order and the prisoners well cared for. We, however, respectfully recommend an addition to the jail equipment of a bath tub, to be placed in one of the cells, there being plenty of water and ample room, but no adequate means for bathing, and that the jail be further supplied with six additional beds.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. H. HUNT,
Foreman.

The case of Emma Miller and her husband, Sylvester Miller, against John G. Rogers, administrator of the late Anna C. Fisler, of Ellicott City, involving a suit for services, occupied the attention of the Court Monday, and was concluded on Tuesday.

Judge Jones Tuesday afternoon heard argument in the Circuit Court here on a motion for a new trial in the damage assault case of Horace B. Day against Edward L. Crist.

A motion for a new trial in the trespass case of J. N. Warfield against Randolph and George Layton, which was declared in favor of Mr. Warfield at the present term of court, was also argued. Judge Jones held both cases under consideration.

On Wednesday the jury in the case of Mrs. Emma Miller and her husband against John G. Rogers, administrator of the late Mrs. Anna Fisler, involving a suit for $1,100 for services, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $690. The case was given to the jury about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. They remained locked up all night, but reached an agreement Wednesday morning.

The criminal docket was called, the first case considered being that of Charles Myers, colored, charged with the murder, near Cooksville, this county, last September, of Frank Grooms, also colored, by kicking him in the stomach. The two men lived in adjoining houses, and a quarrel arose, it was alleged, over threats made by Grooms against Myers' wife. Myers, in his own behalf, testified that he remonstrated with Grooms, when the latter drew a pistol and threatened to shoot him, whereupon he (Myers) slapped Grooms, at the same time kicking him in the groin. The disturbance occurred in the morning, and Grooms died from the effects of the kick, it was alleged, the night following. Several witnesses testified to the good character of the accused, and to the quarrelsome disposition of Grooms. The prisoner was represented by Mr. Charles K. Dorsey, of Ellicott City, and Mr. Andrew H. Mettee, of Baltimore, and the prosecution by State's Attorney Joseph D. McGuire, of Howard county, and Mr. J. Donaldson Parker, of Baltimore. The jury, after being out a short time, returned a verdict of manslaughter.

On Thursday the case of the State against Alexander Brown, colored, for assaulting with intent to kill Frank Griffith on his farm, near Roxbury Mills, in this county, on July 9 last was tried. Mr. Griffith was found on the evening of that day lying unconscious in the house, and Brown, who was a laborer on the farm, was missing. Mr. Griffith on regaining consciousness said Brown had assaulted him. The County Commissioners offered a reward of $100 for the arrest of Brown. Chief of Police Van Sant arrested him on October 18 near McDonogh, on the Western Maryland Railroad. The jury was out only 30 minutes, and brought in a verdict of guilty. Judge Jones immediately sentenced Brown to three years in the Penitentiary.

The case of Seth W. Warfield, living near Cooksville, was then taken up. He is charged with keeping a disorderly house. About forty witnesses have been summoned in the case and it is thought that it will consume the best portion of today (Friday.) As we go to press the jury returns a verdict of acquittal.

Seceding Sunday School Organized.

The members of the Sunday school classes who seceded from Emory Methodist Episcopal Church, here, because of the removal of Rev. William A. Carroll, have secured Gaither's Hall, over THE TIMES office, in which to conduct their religious exercises. The hall was opened Sunday morning, when religious services were held. A Sunday school was organized with the following officers: Superintendent, William McKenzie; assistant superintendent, Alexander Clark; secretary, Murray Talbott; treasurer, Miss Sadie Oldfield; organists, Miss Addie Mellor and Miss Ida Oldfield. Sunday school will be held each Sunday morning at 9.30. A number of the older members of Emory Church, who were displeased at Rev. Mr. Carroll's removal, were also present and assisted the young people in their devotions. The total attendance numbered 34. Services were also held in the new place of worship in the afternoon and at night.

Condition of The Court Room.

The drugget which covers the floor of the court room by this time (it is the opinion of those of an investigating turn of mind) must be in an unhealthy condition. It is a heavy covering of coarse material and must of necessity be full of dust and if the microbe theory can be relied upon there are in it any amount of bacteria, bacillus and other dangerous breeders of disease. Coupled with frequently neglected ventilation there is danger of an epidemic being started at any time. We don't know whether Health Officer Dr. T. B. Owings' attention has been called to it or not, but as the drinking water in and about Ellicott City underwent a crucial scientific test why not some attention be given to the hygienic condition of the court room?

Supposed Mad Dog at Large.

On Wednesday night about one o'clock Messrs. Chas. and Brent Radcliffe living in the West end, were aroused from their slumbers by the noise made by dogs in the yard. On going out they found a dog belonging to Mr. Brent Radcliffe, which was tied to a kennel, badly used up. A dog belonging to Mr. Samuel Yates broke its chain and is gone and the Messrs. Radcliffe fear this dog is mad and at large.

Local and Miscellaneous.

The grand jury after their discharge on Saturday gave a banquet at the Howard House. The usual good time on such occasions was enjoyed. Including the invited guests thirty-five sat down to a feast such as Mrs. Eckert only in this neighborhood can get up. Col. W. S. Powell was master of ceremonies and threw a large amount of life into the occasion. Among the invited were ex-Judge Reuben Dorsey, Register of Wills Scaggs, the local editors and others. Col. Thos. H. Hunt, foreman, occupied the head of the table.

The Barney & Smith Car Company, of Dayton, O., recovered a verdict Wednesday in the Superior Court, of Baltimore as against the Columbia and Maryland Railroad for $12,484.26. The action was for breach of contract, the railway company having ordered a lot of cars for the "boulevard" line, to run between Baltimore and Washington, and when the cars were about completed, countermanded the order. The cars were subsequently sold at a loss on the contract price, and the amount of the verdict represents the difference.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the store of Messrs. Ide Bros., Ingleside avenue, Catonsville, on Thursday night of last week. One of the young men, from a sleeping room above the store, heard a noise as if some one was working at the front door. Notwithstanding two shots were fired from the window, the noise did not cease. The young men then went down to the store with a lighted lamp, whereupon the would-be burglars (there being two of them) hastily decamped.

A law and order league was organized at Relay on the 25th ult., the object of which is the enforcement of the Sunday laws, regulating the liquor traffic and the preservation of order. The officers chosen are: President, Chas. W. S. Banks; secretary, J. Albert Burton; directors, Rich. Walze, Geo. Burton, E. Burton, Ed. Gregg, R. E. Geddes, M. B. Smith, Jno. S. Dawes, G. F. Fairbank, W. B. Wills, L. G. Turner, Geo. L. Bennett and Capt. Talbott Jones.

Three years ago Mr. Geo. W. Geaslen, of Oakland Mills, this county, purchased an incubator which failed three times to hatch an egg, during this time wasting six hundred eggs. He tried it again, commencing on the 8th of March, running under new rules, with the result that in a hatch of 80 per cent. he has a fine lot of unusually strong and healthy chickens.

Don't fail to attend the grand entertainment to be held in the Assembly Room Monday, April 11th, by St. Paul's Lyceum, and see the comedy Drama, "Above the Clouds," in two acts. The members are actively engaged making entirely new scenery for this play. The music will be rendered by one of Baltimore's leading orchestras.

The services during Holy Week in St. Peter's Church will be (D. V.): Monday, 9 A. M., 4 P. M.; Tuesday, 9 A. M., 4 P. M.; Wednesday, 9 A. M., 7 30 P. M.; Maunday Thursday, 7.45 A. M., 4 P. M.; Good Friday, 10.30 A. M., 12 M. to 3 P. M., 7.30 P. M.; Holy Saturday, 9 A. M., 4 P. M. Easter Day, 7 A. M., 11 A. M., 4 P. M. and 8 P. M.

A divorce was obtained in the Circuit Court here on Thursday of last week by Clarence W. Smallwood from his wife, Mary Smallwood, both residents of the First district of Howard county. Saturday Mr. Smallwood secured a marriage certificate from the clerk's office here, his bride-to-be being Miss Mary Stewart, of this county.

Mr. Robert Alcorn, of Laurel, has decided to go to Denver and to that end will dispose of his property and business here. Mr. Alcorn was brought to this conclusion on account of the ill-health of his wife, who, having gone to Denver, is believed to be improving.

Among the appointments made by the Baltimore Annual Conference, Methodist Church south, which met at Hinton W. Va., were the following in this vicinity: Wesley Grove, J. H. Dulany; Freedom, W. A. McDonald and F. A. Tyler; Laurel, C. P. Smith.

Mr. Thomas Grimes, manager on the manor farm of ex-Governor John Lee Carroll, in the Third district of Howard county, was severely injured Wednesday by being caught under a heavy piece of timber which he was loading upon a wagon.

A large flock of wild geese passed over this place Tuesday morning, their course being in a northward direction. The flight of these birds from Southern waters is an indication, it is claimed, that the cold season has closed.

We have come to that period of the year when sunshine and rain have started the forces of nature and the world is being resurrected into new life and bloom and smiles, and is heartily welcomed, especially by the invalid.

Lieutenant Jenkins, who lost his life on the battleship, Maine was a friend of Mrs. T. D. Marshall, of Pennsylvania, who has been a resident here for some time. Mrs. Marshall, speaks of him as a very bright man.

Rev. J. Hartzler, the new pastor of the United Evangelical Church at Alberton, preached his first sermon on the 20th ult. His family have arrived and the outlook for a successful pastorate is promising.

James Johnson, said to be from Ellicott City, was found in Baltimore county Tuesday and taken to the jail at Towson. He was turned over to the Howard county authorities. He is supposed to be insane.

There will be a lecture given by Prof. A. W. Hawks at McKendree M. E. Church, on Thursday, April 7, for the Ladies' Aid Society. It will commence at 8 P. M. Admission, 25 cents; children 15.

Ex-Sheriff Billy Owings says he has no notion of going to the Klondike, as stated two weeks ago by the Daisy correspondent. He prefers to take a position in the commissary department and go South.

Palms will be blessed and distributed at Doughoregan Manor at 10 30 Sunday morning, and at Clarksville at 3 30 Sunday evening. There will be a sermon on the Passion at the latter church.

The trustee's report of sale, as filed by Norbert Blank, trustee, under deed of trust from Singer Bros., and ratified by the court on March 29th, shows $210.45.

The presence of a poolroom recently established at Jessup's, by parties from Baltimore, so excited public sentiment that it was speedily stamped out.

Among the attorneys visiting the court room on Thursday were Hon. Milton G. Urner, of Frederick, and Geo. R. Willis, Esq., of the Baltimore bar.

Mr. Charles Cramblett, of this city, bonded and qualified at Towson on Tuesday as constable for the First district of Baltimore county.

The school at Woodbine has been closed for several weeks on account of the sickness of the teacher, Miss Kate Coughlin.

The Ellicott Literary and Social Club will meet at their rooms on Thursday evening, April 7. A full attendance requested.

Misses Lizzie Rupprecht and Cecelia Armstrong, of Baltimore were the guests of Miss Bertie Holtman on Sunday.

T. D. Marshall and family, who have been here for some time, are now making a visit in Chambersburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ruhl, of Annapolis Junction, have removed to their former place of residence at Mt. Winans.

Father Gaynor, of Clarksville, lost a very fine horse last Sunday while driving in double harness.

Mrs. H. D. Robbins, of New York, formerly Miss Helen Carroll, has recently become a mother.

Mrs. Henry Becher, of Baltimore, visited Mr. B. F. Keyes and family near here Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Brosenne, of Glenelg, was the guest of Mrs. Charles A. Henmann on Sunday.

Miss Agnes Kaiser, of Laurel, Md., was visiting friends near here on Monday.

SALE OF THE COLUMBIA AND MARYLAND.

The Entire Property and Franchises Bring but $450,000—Total Cost of the Baltimore and Ellicott City End $589,000—The Washington End to be Completed First.

The Maryland and Columbia Railway was sold at public auction on Friday of last week by Merryman & Pattison, auctioneers, for $450,000, to Nicholas P. Bond, president of the Baltimore Security and Trading Company, subject to the ratification of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

The sale took place at the Builders' Exchange, Baltimore, and attracted a large number of railroad men and other capitalists. The bidding was not very spirited, and was confined to three or four men, most active among whom was Mr. Bond, the sole receiver of the road. The sale was made on behalf of William L. Marbury, trustee.

The property was first offered in seven lots, the first three comprising the Boulevard Line and its equipments, franchises, &c., and the last four, real estate in the city and county. Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3, when offered singly, brought $335,000, bid for them by Mr. Bond, but later, when they were offered as a whole, and Mr. Bond's bid of $450,000 was not raised, Mr. Marbury rejected the separate bids, and accepted the bid on the whole.

Lot No. 1 included all the rights of way, property and franchises designed for the road from Howard and Saratoga streets to Ellicott City. The total double track of this system is 10 384 miles, of which 9.17 miles have been completed; about 9 miles laid, but not completed, and about 2¼ miles have been graded only. An outlay of over $589,000, including material at track side for its completion, has been made on this division. This lot also includes the uncompleted power-house at Ilchester, with machinery costing over $151,000. The highest bid on this lot, when offered separately, was $150,000, made by Mr. Bond.

Lot No. 2 included 10,625 shares (par value $50), out of a total issue of 13,040 of the stock of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company, of Washington City. Second, 5,003 shares (par value $50), being more than a majority of the stock of the Belt Railway Company, of that city and District, a horse road. Third, 200 shares of stock (par value $100) and $430,000 in bonds, being all the stock and bonds of the Maryland and Washington Railway. Also the rights of way, railway lines, railway property, material along trackside and franchises of the Columbia and Maryland Railway from Washington to Catonsville, together with the power-house and machinery near Lakeland, Prince George's county. The highest bid on this lot also was $150,000, made by Mr. Bond.

Lot No. 3 included the stocks and bonds of the Catonsville Short Line Railroad Company, and when it was offered separately Mr. Bond's bid of $35,000 was the highest received.

Three of the real estate lots were bought by Mr. R. S. Carswell for $4,500, and the other was secured by James E. Clayton for $3,000. This last named, known as "Lot No. 6," consisted of an irregularly shaped piece of ground, southwest corner Baltimore and Greene streets, fronting 26 feet on Greene street, with a depth of 12 feet, improved by a three-story brick building, and a brick stable in the rear.

The three lots bought by Mr. Carswell were: Lot No. 4, consisting of an irregularly shaped piece of unimproved ground fronting 24 feet on the west side of Monroe street and 75 feet on the south side of Franklin street; the price was $500. Lot No. 5, an irregularly shaped piece of unimproved ground, originally fronting 16 feet on the north side of Saratoga street and 75 feet on the east side of Monroe street; the price paid for this was $400. Lot No. 7 consisted of a tract of land in Baltimore county, known as "Alhambra," on the Westchester road, near Ellicott City. From this tract of land, containing 5¼ acres, was taken and excepted in the sale a strip 60 feet wide and 490 feet long, through the whole tract, for the use of the railway. The land is improved by a two and one-half story frame building. This piece of property was sold for $3,600.

After the sale Mr. Bond said he could not tell when the Boulevard Line from Baltimore would be completed. He said the first thing to be done was to equip the Washington end with underground electricity, and then the road would be pushed to connect Laurel with Washington. The next thing would be to complete the Baltimore end from Howard and Saratoga streets to Ellicott City. These two ends of the line would be run in the near future, and ultimately the connection between Laurel and Ellicott City would be made, thus completing the connection between Baltimore and Washington. The fate of the Catonsville Short Line is undecided.

OBITUARY.

SHIEERRINGER.

Mrs. Sallie Shieerringer, of Edge Grove, Pa., died at the home of her brother, Mr. Samuel Jenkins, near Columbia, Howard county, Sunday night, of paralysis, aged about sixty years. She was stricken on Saturday while attending to some domestic duties. She had been on a visit to her brother for some time, and intended to return to her home in Pennsylvania in a short time. She leaves a family at Edge Grove, and relatives in different sections of this state. Her remains were sent to her late home, at Edge Grove, for burial. Undertaker Easton had charge.

UMBACH.

Mr. Henry Umbach, aged sixty-two years, died Sunday at his home, near Marriottsville. He was a native of Germany and came to this country about 40 years ago. For the last 25 years he has been a farmer in Howard county. At one time he was a school commissioner. Six daughters and one son survive him.

AFFELDT.

The four-year-old child of Mr. Hermand Affeldt, near Font Hill, died on Saturday, from diphtheria. The funeral took place on Monday. Services were held in the Lutheran Church, near Pfeiffer's corner. Interment in the cemetery connected with the church. Undertaker Easton had charge.

BURGESS.

Wm. Burgess, colored, for a number of years coachmen for ex Gov. Carroll, died in Washington on Thursday of last week. The remains were sent here on Saturday and interred in St. Charles Cemetery, by direction of Mr. Carroll. Undertaker Easton had charge.

SAUMENIG.

Mr. Thomas Saumenig, son of the late Jacob and Mary Saumenig, died at his home, near Eldersburg, on Saturday last, from pneumonia and abcess of the brain, aged 51 years. He leaves a widow and two children. His funeral took place from Harmony Church, this county, on Monday, at 2 P. M.

Shall we meet beyond the river
Where the surges cease to roll,
Where in all the bright forever
Sorrow ne'er shall press the soul.
Shall we meet with those departed
Who have bowed beneath death's wave,
Shall we meet the holy myriads
Who are ransomed from the grave.

Shall we meet in glory's morning,
After time's dark gloomy night;
Shall we hail its radiant dawning
Scattering sorrow with its light;
Shall we meet where all time's shadow,
To oblivion flee away,
Shall we meet amid the brightness
Of an everlasting day.

A Stolen Bicycle.

George M. Smith was locked up at the Western Police Station, Baltimore, last Friday charged with the larceny of a bicycle, valued at $50, from the Standard Machine and Bicycle Company, No. 744 West Baltimore street, on March 14. Detective Seibold arrested Smith on a warrant while at work on a farm about three miles from Frederick, and took him to Baltimore. It is alleged that the bicycle was sold to Joseph Elam, colored, at Lisbon, Howard county, and was recovered from him.

OELLA NOTES.

The semi-annual meeting of the Oella Cemetery Company was held in the hall on Tuesday night. Mr. Charles A. Holden was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. George Dykes. Mr. George Keigler resigned as keeper of the cemetery and the position was filled by the appointment of Mr. John Upton. The treasurer's report showed the receipts for the past six months to be $23.50, and the expenditures $97.45, most of which has been used in erecting a neat wire fence around the cemetery. There is a balance on hand of $53.15.

Samuel Sweet, of this place, aged about 20, on Thursday night about 12 o'clock while on his way home from Ellicott City with some companions, going up the railroad, accidentally fell over the high wall a short distance above Mr. S. J. Radcliffe's lime kilns. He was thought at first not much hurt but his family this (Friday) morning found it necessary to call in Dr. B. J. Byrne, who pronounced him seriously injured, especially about the head, and his condition is regarded as critical.

Mrs. Alice Jones, widow of the late Joseph Jones, died at her home here on Wednesday morning, from consumption, aged about 36 years. She leaves three small children. The funeral took place from Oella Hall at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. Wm. S. Simms, of the M. P. Church, conducting the services, and the interment was in Oella Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Joseph Straughan, Calvin Babylon, Joseph Babylon, Chas. Boswell, Harry West and Daniel Kelbaugh. Undertaker Easton had charge of the funeral.

A hen belonging to Mr. Joseph Curtis, of Westchester avenue, surprised him one day this week by laying a five ounce egg.

Rev. Wm. S. Simms has recovered from his recent illness and filled his appointments here Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Kroh has been teaching at the public school here the past week owing to the principal, Miss Holden, being kept at home by sickness.

ELKRIDGE AND VICINITY.

ELKRIDGE, March 31.—Verily we can now exclaim with the poet:

"The winter is over and gone,
The thrush whistles sweet o'er the lay.
The turtle breathes forth her soft moan
The lark mounts and warbles away."

Nature is getting her spring suit ready, and the ladies are skirmishing around for Easter bonnets.

The festive gudgeon may be looked for most any time, and the hunky-dory trade will flourish.

Our neighbors at Relay have organized a Law and Order society, with C. W. Banks, pres., to see that the Sunday law is strictly enforced.

Mr. Louis Silbereisen has rented Mr. S. A. Cremin's house and will move in next week.

The fertilizer factory at the lower end of the town has again resumed operations.

The foundations of the Henrietta Glass Works near St. Denis, are approaching completion.

The wheel craze has struck this place with a vengeance, and no house is considered furnished unless it has one or more.

The congregation of Grace M. E. Church tendered Rev. Wm. Campbell a reception last week in honor of his return to the charge.

ALPHA.

ALPHA, March 30.—We regret that Mr. Jos. R. Musser is still in an unimproved condition. Mr. Musser is one of the oldest and most popular Alma Maters in Howard county, and his many former and present pupils sincerely hope that he may soon be restored to health.

The funeral of Mr. Henry Umbaugh of Marriottsville, was held in St. James Church, Tuesday, and was largely attended notwithstanding the inclement weather. The interment was in Montevue cemetery.

The Cuban Relief Fund entertainment is in progress, and the participents have all taken hold with commendable patriotic spirit and zeal.

The war fever rages at Alpha and vicinity, at white heat, though it is only a reflection of the entire state of the whole country. A letter has been received here dated Titusville, Florida, March 27; speaks of tourists leaving that sunny land in large numbers, by every train and steamer, fearing that delay on their part, may be indefinite when Uncle Sam gets to hauling his troops South. It also states that Flagley's R. R. will be taken possession of by the Government for the transportation of troops and stores.

X-RAYS.

RANDALLSTOWN.

RANDALLSTOWN, March 29.—Mt. Paran Christian Endeavor Society held a "Deaf Social," at the residence of Mr. W. E. Fite, Randallstown, on the evening of March 23. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, quite a number were present. Music on violin and piano was furnished by friends from Baltimore, and added greatly to the enjoyment of all. One of the chief features of the evening, was the distribution of leaves cut from thick white paper. After matching the leaves, and reading the verses written on them, much merriment was caused by each person drawing his partner's picture. Green leaves were then distributed to change partners for refreshments. The house was decorated with potted plants, ferns and flowers. Every one seemed to enjoy the evening.

Miss Bessie Crapster from Florence, Howard county, is visiting the Misses Fite.

Mrs. T. Freeman Dixon, who has been visiting her parents at Hernwood, has returned to her home in Frederick.

Mrs. Albert Trieschman entertained her Sunday school class of young ladies and their friends recently. A guessing contest was one of the chief features of the evening. Prizes were awarded to the successful parties. Various games were indulged in. A pun on the ladies' name written by the hostess caused much laughter. Bountiful and elegant refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

SYKESVILLE NEWS.

SYKESVILLE, March 29.—Mr. Wm. H. Bennett, of the firm of Bennett & Belt, was severely injured here today by a horse which during a frightened spell fell and caught Mr. Bennett under him. It was at first thought his leg was broken but proved to be a severe sprain. It is feared he received internal injuries.

Al. Dorsey, colored, was in the clutches of Justice J. E. Barnes last week for assault. His difficulty occurred while trying to argue the merits and demerits of a preacher. He paid a fine for his obstinacy.

Howard County School Board's Suit Upon a Bond.

Judge Dennis, as of the Superior Court, of Baltimore, heard argument Friday last in the case of the Board of School Commissioners of Howard County against John E. Hill and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, in which the latter is sought to be made responsible, as surety on Mr. Hill's bond as treasurer and examiner of the school board, for alleged illegal applications of funds amounting to about $1,335. As will be remembered, Mr. Hill was tried in Howard county for the alleged irregularity and was acquitted and as the court decided there was no misappropriation, the surety declines to make good the amount. J. J. Donaldson and J. D. McGuire for the school board, and Gans & Harman and N. Winslow Williams and Thomas A. Whelan for defendants. The Judge rendered a decision on Wednesday. Verdict for the defendant.

A plum tree belonging to Mrs. Reus here, burst into bloom on Tuesday

THE SPANISH QUESTION.

FOR THE TIMES.

Will it be with consternation
When we get the information
That the fiery Spanish nation,
With a great acceleration,
And without consideration,
Or at least of arbitration,
Suspicions of annexation
Of her Cuban reservation,
Sends a fleet with indignation
And a great determination,
With a bitter detestation
And a show of ostentation,
Without a word of explanation
To our administration,
And without hesitation,
Bombards our population
With a fiery animation,
Looking to obliteration,
And complete annihilation
Of the present generation
Without capitulation.
But when the Maine investigation
Comes to a termination
And reports their consideration,
Without any exaggeration,
And not needing confirmation
After their confabulation,
Will we, with acceleration,
Give them an illustration
How we can whip the whole creation,
When we get our aggregation,
With a large appropriation
To keep up without cessation
Such a mighty conflagration
And a tintinabulation
That will make a palpitation,
Felt in every habitation
In this whole conglomeration,
or
(This side of Hades and damnation.)

Elkridge, March 31, 1898. H. S. B.

DUTY OF CHRISTIANS.

MR. EDITOR.

As we understand the function of a newspaper, matters that interest the community or a considerable portion of it, are fit subjects for the press. At the same time we recognize an editor's right to guard carefully as he thinks best the interests of the community. We trust that what we write may be considered in that line.

The recent trouble in the M. E. Church here we think, must be regarded by the thoughtful people as unfortunate, as all such affairs must be so regarded. The Mission of the Church as we understand it, is to carry to the world a message of love, and not a message of bitterness. "Christ came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." If we are not to look to the church to furnish us the righteous and the lovely and the meek and loveable, where shall we look?

Virtue is its own reward, so is true piety. Good is not to be overcome with evil, but the evil is to be overcome with good. The Christian is to look to Christ for his example and the world looks to the church for theirs; therefore how careful should the professed Christian be of his example, so that when he is known and read of men of the world, that he need not fear that he has led them astray. We are not a member or even attendant of this church, and hence it cannot be said that we are on one side or the other. Many things said and charged have gone out to the world and it must be regarded as most unfortunate.

If anything has been said to injure Mr. Carroll, he must have knowledge of it and he also is capable of defending himself before the proper tribunal in the church. If he does not see proper to do this, why should others take it up. If anything reflecting on the character of any one of the followers is said, it is not likely that Mr. Carroll will come out of his way to defend them. Mr. Carroll has not been deprived of the means of a livelihood, and hence is not in need of sympathy the same as one who has been. Then Mr. Rogers is an entirely innocent party in this case. Why make him suffer for a matter that he is entirely irresponsible for.

The Christian is supposed to find counsel in Christ's Spirit and in His Word. Here is the true source of wisdom. The world looks to Christ's professed people for their example, hence it becomes the church to look carefully to see what the example and the teaching is that they are giving the world.

The minister is not the church but the entire congregation. If the church guards carefully the way set forth by Christ himself, then no one can suffer or be denied his rights.

A LOVER OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL.

A WARNING TO DEMOCRATS!

ED. TIMES.

Recent events in Cuba have produced one grand object-lesson in the proof that where the Nation's honor is at stake, there are no political or sectional lines. In the South, this was especially emphatic in that the ex-Confederates surpassed any other class of citizens in the enthusiasm shown, offering their lives, if need be, in defense of their country. This is as every true patriot would wish it. There is no more sacred sentiment than that of patriotism. It should be guarded as jealously as the purity of the judicial ermine, the sanctity of the home circle, or the innocence of confiding childhood. To make it the tool of selfish objects, to use it to aid personal ambitions, and worst of all, to degrade it by making it a lever to raise into popularity the fortunes of a political party, would be a line of action which would merit the severest condemnation from all honorable men. What should be thought of a party which would deliberately plunge the country into the horrors of war, with all the inevitable suffering, death, and loss of blood and treasure incident thereto, no matter what its duration or final result, solely because it would, for the time being, obscure all other issues and give an opportunity for such charity to pose as the defender of the national honor? Would it be right for a political party to take advantage of the patriotism of the whole country to force the nation into a war and then take the stump in the next campaign on the sole issue that to such party was due the victory?

The response of the Democratic party to the recent appeal to national patriotism has been so immediate, so enthusiastic and so loyal as to challenge the admiration of every one and even the notice of foreign countries. The entire people have faith in it now as a tower of strength in the hour of need. Let it then prove a strong defender from foes both within and without. Whilst standing as a citadel against foreign aggression let it see that the sacred name of patriotism shall not be dragged in the mire of politics nor used to blind the people as to the real objects of any partisan organization. *Verbum sat sapienti.*

Relay, Md. LOCOFOCO.

CATONSVILLE.

The carriage-house of Rev. J. E. Dunn, pastor of St. Mark's Catholic Church, Catonsville, was broken open one night last week and several sets of harness stolen.

The work of clearing away the debris and remains of the old Catonsville Hotel fire has been going on for several days. In rebuilding the house the old walls will be used, and the original plans will be adhered to as nearly as possible.

The Catonsville Volunteer Hose Company has received the 400 feet of 2½-inch hose recently ordered by the County Commissioners.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth R. James, daughter of Mr. N. W. James to Mr. Charles R. Spence, has been announced to take place at the country home of Mr. James, at Catonsville, on April 26.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Catonsville Loan and Savings Association, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: President, John Hubner; vice-president Samuel W. Owens; secretary, E. G. Comegys; treasurer, August Schotta; directors, William E. Nagle, Peter Dressler, John Schotta, Albert Smith, J. M. Marsden; solicitor, J. S. Calwell. A dividend of 7½ per cent. was declared for the year ended March 28.

Rev. T. S. Stansfield is visiting relatives near this city.

"BEWARE OF ENTRANCE TO A QUARREL."

BY TIM TRICKETT.

Ten days ago I was in Washington but although I traveled incognito, the P——t heard of my arrival, and before I went to bed I received the following note:

TIM TRICKETT, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR:—I'm in trouble, come to see me. Darn politicians, I want to talk to a man of sense and knowledge. I am, like my fleet, at sea and likely to go to pieces. I do not sign my name in full because of reporters and Spanish spies.

Yours appreciatingly,
W****** M*K******.

I arose serene as a May morning and swallowing, with the deliberation due to a good breakfast, red hot coffee, grilled bones, devilled kidneys, blood puddings, all highly seasoned with Tabasco sauce, meandered slowly from mine inn. A Fourteenth street electric car was awaiting me, it had happened to stop on the corner, and I was rapidly conveyed to the W—— H—— at a cost of .05, six tickets for a smooth quarter and no park tax. Reporters who had been up all night, with Rider Haggard faces, and bad cigars, were crowded about the E—— M——. A black porter opened the door at my approach and said, "Caint git in yere, lessn you hes er ticket. Er lot er politicians is er buzzin the old man now."

I was about leaving when it occurred to me that, accidentally, I had a copy of THE TIMES with me (I never move without one) so pulling it out I said: "This is my ticket." You should have seen Cerberus. His eyes fairly popped out of his head and his knees shook, "Bless de good Lord is you arter us right yere in we all's house? Marster, walk right in, walk in, fust door ahead er you, marster." "Announce me if you please," said I, opening a door. With a voice of thunder or a report from smokeless powder he cried, "De Times, Ellicoat's, Murylan."

In I walked and half a dozen flunkies, private secretaries, and ushers rushed to me bowing obsequiously and frequently. One wanted to take my hat, another my overcoat, and still another my cane, but I waived them away majestically saying: "Can't spare them. I'm afraid to leave good clothes and a gold-headed cane around here where are so many office seekers and other patriots. Every man of them had a copy of my last article in THE TIMES in his hand, and one of them, apparently, the chief talker, said with a sigh of relief when he found that I was mild in manner,"

"And so this is the famous Tim Trickett?"

I answered, "right you are for once, your boss wants to consult me, tell him I'm here, and in a great hurry to get away for I want to have my hair trimmed."

He entered a door nearby and returning in a second, said, "the P——t will see you in a minute; he is busy now with some applicants for slices off that $50,000,000 prize package."

I haughtily replied, "say that I can't wait, and if he desires to see me he can call at the ——."

"Don't go sir, wait a moment. I'll tell him what you say." In a jiffy I heard a voice as from the wild and woolly wilderness say "ongtray." The accent was Ohioish but the invitation was cordial so in I went. I saw the P——t, M——k H——a, and a stenographer all seated in solemn conclave.

"Hello, Tim," said the P——t.

"Hello, Bill," said I.

Up jumped M——k. "This is the P——t of the U. S., and courtesy requires that you should say Mr. P——t."

I replied, "Hello, Balaam, or the other fellow, whichever you are, courtesy and I require that no one shall familiarly accost me. I don't answer to the name Tim."

Rising from his revolving chair (it must revolve for its occupant swings around a circle many times a day) the P——t bowed and said:

"That's one on me, I am glad to see you, Mr. Trickett."

Of course I bowed. He drew up a chair for me near his desk.

"Mr. P——t," said I, "let us be alone if you please."

"Oh! there's nobody here."

I pointed to H——a.

"Why that's only M——k."

"I know," said I, "that he counts for nobody in such company, but I've ideas which I don't care for anyone to have knowledge of until they appear in THE TIMES. I must have the floor all to myself."

Turning to H——a the P——t said, "git!" and he got, followed by the clerk. Then the P——t with tears in his eyes, and humbly, said: "Mr. Trickett, why will you add to my worries by your criticisms? I am all broken up even as is the Maine, and my troubles are both outward and inward, like hers."

"Because you deserve them. Why will you continue to trifle with the great American people? Why don't you do something?"

"What shall I do?"

"Haven't you seen Senator Gorman?"

"Yes."

"Did he give you any advice?"

"Yes, indeed, and was very kind and considerate. He's a great man."

"Are you going to do as he says?"

"H——a says that if I do the Republican party will go to eternal smash this fall."

"So much the better for the country," said I, and started to leave.

"What! going already?"

"What's the use of staying? You are afraid to follow the advice of the only man capable of giving, and honest enough to give you the best."

"Oh, Mr. Trickett, don't leave me in this mess?"

"I didn't get you into it."

"Please sit down awhile," imploringly, he said. "What shall it be?"

"No, thank you, 'tis too early for me," said I, "I don't indulge until the sun crosses the line. Come, let us to business. I hate to see a man so worried as you but remember I am not going to run the Administration for you."

"Why did you say," said he, "that war would come if there was money in it."

"Because it is true, but Mr. P——t, there was no intended allusion to you. Has not Senator Thurston in a hysterical speech said "war with Spain would increase the business and the earnings of every American railroad? It would increase the output of every American factory; it would stimulate every branch of industry and domestic commerce; it would greatly increase the demand for American labor, and in the end any certificate that represents a share in an American business enterprise would be worth more money than it is worth today." That's what you people are after.

The P——t then said: "The Republican part is in a ticklish position, and I am afraid that we must have war, and still I dread it. If there is no war the party is beaten, if there is war and the U. S. are whipped it is also beaten. We must save the party, no matter what becomes of the country and the common people, and no matter what misery is entailed upon the land because of war, we must help the needy Cubans."

"I see," said I, "you people want to force war upon Spain, and your plan is to send provisions and relief of all kinds to the sick and destitute in Cuba, thinking that by so doing you will drive Spain into the commission of some overt act which will bring on the war, thus making charity your accomplice, and enable you to lift up your pious hands, and say, see, oh ye nations of the earth, the bloodthirsty Spaniards will not let us help the sick, starving and dying Cubans? You know perfectly well that in the event of war you can't give any relief to the destitute, that your hands will be too full of other matters. You will have all that you can do to keep the foe away from our shores. You are not making the least effort to send provisions, &c., to Cuba and you know you are not, but you are straining every nerve to get ready for war. Your insincerity is apparent. A blind man can see it."

"Oh, Trickett," said the P——t, "Thou has cleft my heart in twain."

Said I: "Oh! throw away the worser part of it and live the purer with the other half." If you really mean to relieve the starving and dying why are you not busy about it? Good bye, Mr. P——t, and when the Spaniards come, run up to see us. Plenty of hog and hominy there and no flattery and wire-pulling and deadly rushing after money.

I left. I noticed great activity in the State, War and Navy Departments, and in the saloons adjacent thereto. 'Tis said that the report about the Maine disaster will be edited severely before it is given to the public. I forgot to say that the P——t offered to me every cabinet position in turn, but I refused them all, preferring to write for THE TIMES.

It is said that great opposition to war is coming from owners of ocean side resorts on the New England coast. They fear the ruin of their business. I knew that it would pinch them.

Commanders of war ships, steamers, &c., are ordered to keep well out of range of all suspicious looking vessels and flotillas. If war be declared our people expect to do great havoc with the use of epithets. During the civil war, epithets were powerful. "Secessionists" wounded many, "copper heads" caused much dismay and "rebels" killed thousands. The trouble now is, however, that congressman and reporters have hurled all possible ones against the Spaniards, and there are no deadly ones left for use.

Seat of government—Deceit.

Warlike feats—Defeats.

The person, from whom the most reliable news is obtained, that used by the metropolitan press, is the boy who blacks the shoes of a cousin by marriage of the messenger who totes Judge Day's communications to the White House and brings back answers.

TIM TRICKETT.

Superb Train for Florida.

In January, 1888, the Atlantic Coast Line in connection with the Pennsylvania railroad, Plant system and Florida East Coast railway inaugurated a new era in southern travel, by the establishment of the "New York and Florida Special." This celebrated train on the date named made its inaugural trip from New York to St Augustine and commanded instant success. At that time it required thirty hours to make the trip, this being considered a very fast schedule.

On January 17th, 1898, this train left New York on its first trip for the eleventh season of its operation, and is now running daily except Sundays. The time between New York and Florida having been reduced to less than twenty-five hours, leaving New York 12.30 P. M., passengers arrive at Jacksonville 1.10 P. M., central time and St. Augustine 2.20 P. M., central time.

This train has revolutionized travel to the south and elevated the grade of railroad service generally. It is composed of the most modern Pullman sleeping, parlor, dining, library and observation cars, heated by steam from end to end and brilliantly illuminated by electricity. The magnificence of the furnishings and the prefection of service elicit the highest praise from all who have ever made the journey.

It duplicates on wheels the functions of a great metropolitan hotel and surrounds the traveler with the comforts of a home, while it divests the act of traveling of "that tired feeling" which naturally attaches to journeys of more than a few hours.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Week of April 4—"East Lynne."

One of the most noteworthy productions of the season at the Baltimore Academy of Music will be the presentation there, week beginning Monday, April 4th, of "East Lynne" with a star cast. It is equal in importance to the famous cast of "The Rivals," which appeared at the same house two years ago. Messrs. Nixon and Zimmerman in keeping with their high standard, secured this great combination for Baltimore, where it was not originally booked to appear until next season.

"East Lynne" as done by the McKee Rankin Company is a very much freshened up play. An entirely new first act has been written and some comedy scenes have been introduced in the succeeding acts to relieve their intense seriousness. Mr. McKee Rankin has made the changes and revisions himself, has staged it and superintended the rehearsals. The cast engaged could not be improved upon. Miss Nance O'Neil is one of the most natural blonde beauties with a perfect Greek contour so rarely met with. Her head rises from her neck in a slender, tempting straightness and her eyes are long and full, pencilled above with straight eyebrows exactly the color of her lovely hair. She has a perfect figure and her voice is very sweet and has much strength. Rose Eytinge is a great favorite and will be heartily welcomed in the character comedy role of Cornelia. Mr. Lackaye should certainly give an original rendering of the handsome villain, Sir Francis Levison. Mr. Rankin in the rather ordinary part of Lord Montsevern, Andrew Robson as the injured husband, Archibald Carlyle and H. A. Weaver as old Dill, leave nothing to be desired. Certainly "East Lynne" has never been honored with such a cast in many years.

Resolutions of Respect on the Death of our Brother, George W. Dykes.

At a regular meeting of the Oella Sabbath School the following resolutions of respect on the death of our late Bro., George W. Dykes, were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to remove from among us our beloved Bro., George W. Dykes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Oella Sabbath School, do hereby tender the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their affliction, and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. Dykes who was called to his reward in the full vigor and bloom of life. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is a just tribute to him for us to say we have lost a kind brother and a noble worker in the Sunday School cause, but beyond the mist that obscures mortal vision he will await our coming, and that he may be a guardian angel inspiring us to well-doing: that when summoned to cross the surging waters we will meet again, where there is no parting, and be it

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be placed on the minutes of the Sunday School.

JOS. H. HOLMES,
WM. M. MELLOR,
CHAS. F. BECKETT,
JOSEPH CURTIS.
Committee.

Was Almost Wild.

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Send us the news if it be but a single item. tf

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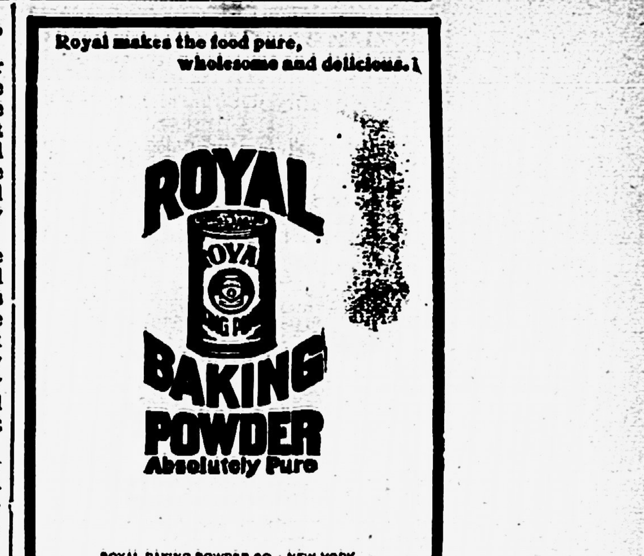

PUBLIC SALES.

Following is a list of the public sales advertised in THE TIMES. These notices remain, free of charge, until day of sale. Sale bill printing done on short notice except on Fridays.

On Tuesday, April 5, by Mrs. R. M. McDade, administratrix of John W. McDade, deceased, near Savage, live stock and other personal property.

On Tuesday, April 5, at 2 P. M., by Philemon W. Chew, trustee, farm of 49 acres at High Ridge. M. H. Cooney, auctioneer.

On Thursday, April 7, by Robert Alcorn, on his place near Scaggsville, live stock, farming implements, household furniture, &c. Abner Moore, auctioneer.

On Monday April 11, by L. C. Souder, Fifth district, live stock, farming implements, household funiture, &c. M. H. Cooney, auctioneer.

On Tuesday, April 12, by A. V. Milholland and John G. Rogers, as attorneys for the heirs of the late Charles R. Pue, farm of 150 acres, on Clarksville Pike. M. H. Cooney, auctioneer.

On Monday, April 25, by Louis T. Clark and John G. Rogers, trustees, two farms in Howard county. M. H. Cooney, auctioneer.

On Monday, April 25, by Louis T. Clark, assignee of mortgage, farm in Howard county. M. H. Cooney, auctioneer.

THE CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, H. Branch, D. D., Pastor.—Sunday, 3 April, 9.30 A. M., Sunday School; 11. A. M., Preaching; 3. P. M., Oakland Mills; 7.30 P. M., Young People's Society, subject: "The Grace of Hospitality." Wednesday, 7.30 P. M., Prayer for Missions and Westminster Assembly's Catechism. Friday, 8th April, 7.30 P. M., Manse Society at Dr. Shreeve's.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, E. C. Ide, Pastor. —Sunday school Sunday next at 9 30 A. M.; preaching at 10 30 A. M., subject: "The Encounter of the Chief Martyr and the Chief Murderer."

EMORY M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. William Rogers, Pastor.—Preaching and communion service Sunday at 11 A. M.; preaching at Bethany at 3 P. M., and Emory at 7.30 P. M.

Extra week day services in St. Peter's Church during Lent will be (D. V.:) Morning Prayer, each morning at 9 o'clock; Evening Prayer, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 4 o'clock; Evening Prayer, Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 o'clock. tf

BUSINESS COMMENT.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the subscriber of Howard county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Howard county, in Maryland, Letters of Administration on the personal estate of

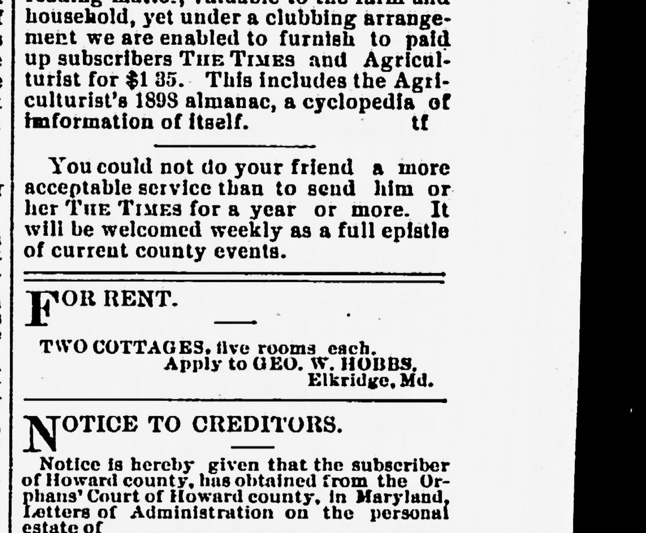
SAMUEL D. OWINGS,

late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 8th day of July next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 4th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

L. I. G. OWINGS,
Administrator.

True Copy—Test: ISAAC SCAGGS,
Register of Wills for Howard county.



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